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Monday - Friday
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Farm Service Agency

County Committee

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Madonne Rainville, Vice Chairperson
Dwight Bullis, Member
Andrew Brouillette, Member
Diane McGarry, Member

*NOTE: COC meets 3rd
Thursday each month at 11:00 A.M.*

County Executive Director

Brenda Ladue (ext. 106)

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(ext. 122)
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County Committee Election Results

Congratulations to Andrew Brouillette, Dwight Bullis and Andrew Paradee. Andrew Brouillette of Sheldon was reelected to represent farmers from Sheldon, Fairfield, Bakersfield, and Fletcher (Local Administrative Area (LAA) #3 on the county committee. Dwight Bullis of Grand Isle was reelected to represent farmers from the towns of Grand Isle and South Hero, Local Administrative Area (LAA) #4. Andrew Paradee of Grand Isle was elected as a first alternative for Dwight Bullis.

FSA appreciates all of the voters for taking the time to complete the election ballot. The county committee system works only because of your participation.

The committee members will hold their organizational meeting in January to determine who will serve as the county committee chairman and vice-chairman.

2011 ACRE Signup

The Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE) provides a safety net based on state revenue losses and acts in place of the price-based safety net of counter-cyclical payments under DCP. A farm's payment is based on a revenue guarantee calculated using a 5-year average state yield and the most recent 2-year nation price of each eligible commodity.

An ACRE payment is issued when both the state and the farm have incurred a revenue loss. In exchange for participating in ACRE, a farm's direct payment is reduced by 20 percent, and marketing assistance loan rates are reduced by 30 percent.

The decision to enroll in the ACRE Program is irrevocable. The owner of the farm and all the producers on the farm must agree to enroll in ACRE. Once enrolled, the farm shall be enrolled for the initial crop year and will remain in ACRE through the 2012 crop year.

The June 1 deadline is mandatory for all participants. FSA will not accept late-filed applications.

Farm Loan Year End Reviews

Producers that have a farm loan with FSA are reminded they must provide data for their Year-End Analysis to their loan officer each year. Borrowers are urged to provide this information timely so that their files can be maintained.

Applications for FSA Farm Loan Assistance

Farmers and ranchers that intend to apply to the Farm Service Agency for loan assistance for the upcoming crop year are encouraged to file their applications as early as possible. Failure to apply early may result in a delay in processing loans due to the volume of applications. Contact your local FSA Farm Loan representative for more details and assistance in applying.

Operating Loan Applications Farmers that plan to apply for annual operating loan assistance are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Farmers should contact their local FSA office for information

Changing Banks

Almost all Farm Service Agency payments are made electronically using Direct Deposit. To keep the system running smoothly, it's critical to keep the county office staff up to date on changes you might make in your financial institutions.

If you have changed accounts or institutions that might affect the direct deposit of your FSA payments, contact the FSA county office so we can update our files to insure continued uninterrupted service

Selling Land

If you are planning to sell farmland, there may be some program consequences you should be aware of. For example, if you're planning to sell land that's enrolled in the Conservation Reserve program (CRP) the buyer must agree to continue the enrollment. If the buyer doesn't want to continue the CRP contract, you may be obligated to refund all of the payments you've received to date. Reviewing program rules with your local FSA staff **before** completing a sale of farmland is always prudent.

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Change Service Requested

Dates to Remember	
Dec. 31	Office Closed — New Years Holiday
Jan. 1	New COC Members Term Begins
Jan. 3	NAP Fees due — Maple Sap
Jan. 3	Acreage Reporting Deadline — Honey
Jan. 17	Office Closed — Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 15	Acreage Reporting deadline — Maple Sap
Ongoing	Conservation Reserve Program/ CREP
Ongoing	Farm Storage Facility Loan
Ongoing	Milk Income Loss Contract



IRS Form 1099-G

Producers annually receive CCC-1099-Gs detailing payments producers have received from the Commodity Credit Corporation. The annual report of program payments on CCC-1099-G is a service intended to help our customers report taxable income. It is not intended to replace the producers' responsibilities to report income to IRS.

CCC-927 or CCC-928 Must Be Sent to the IRS

Producers who participated in 2009 or 2010 programs subject to adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations had to certify compliance with AGI rules. The average AGI verification process for 2009 and 2010 payment eligibility requires all program participants to provide written consent to the IRS for the disclosure of certain information to FSA.

On October 6, 2010, a letter was mailed to producers who have not submitted:

- **CCC-927:** "Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information—Individual Form"
- **and/or**
- **CCC-928:** "Consent to disclosure of Tax Information—Legal Entity"

Individuals and legal entities, including members of legal entities, that certified to average AGI compliance for 2009 and/or 2010 payment eligibility must submit a completed CCC-927 or CCC-928 to the IRS regardless of whether they received program benefits directly or as a member of a joint operation or entity. These forms must be submitted to the IRS in order to avoid a demand for refund of program payments and benefits received.

New Financial Management Web Page Available for Producers

Producers who have level 2 e-authentication access can use the new Public Financial Management Information web page. The website allows producers to generate reports that show both current and historical financial information. This resource will allow users to view details on payments, collections and outstanding debt. The website is a great tool for producers to conveniently access financial information at any time. To view the Financial Management Information web page visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/fmi>. Please contact your county office if you have any questions regarding the web page.

Note: Website use requires level 2 e-authentication access. Follow the steps below to obtain level 2 access:

1. Go to www.eauth.egov.usda.gov, complete a customer profile and submit it online.
2. After submitting your customer profile you will receive a confirmation email, and you must respond to it within 7 days to activate your account.
3. Then you must complete the "Identity Proofing" process by visiting a local USDA Service Center and presenting photo ID, such as your driver's license.

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